

Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

11/07/16

1:00-3:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath RA	Suzanne Bohan ARA ECEJ	Paul Logan RC	Sandy Stavnes ARA EPR
Deb Thomas DRA	Brian Joffe DARA ECEJ	Chuck Figur Dep RC	Matt Duran DARA EPR
Joan Card Sr Policy Adv	Paula Smith Dir OCPI	Elyana Sutin Dep RC	
	Andrew Mutter Dep Dir OCPI	Darcy O'Connor ARA OWP	
	Martin Hestmark ARA OPRA	Rick Buhl ARA TMS	Pat Gilbride IG
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	Bert Garcia DARA OPRA	Patrice Kortuem DARA TMS	Jeffrey Martinez CID

1. Special Topics – None

2. HQ Call

- Application deadline for SES Candidate Development Program is 1/14-15.
- The General Counsel had a conference call with the ECOS chief legal officers and will also speak with the Colorado Deputy Attorney General for natural Resources and Environment, later this week.
- OW working to finalize the drinking water draft action plan.
- There will be a decision about the use of an herbicide on soybeans, which will affect R7 especially.
- Additional guidance is forthcoming on the Presidential transition.

3. RA/DRA/Policy Advisor Highlights

Shaun

- On 11/1 met with Eric and Jay Lombardi about a new technology. Sandy is getting a contact name at the Bureau of Reclamation for them. Paul will discuss with Deb and Jim Hageman the options for meeting with vendors, and will share with SLT.
- On 11/3 attended the Restore Our Creek Coalition's presentation in Butte MT on their vision for the Silver Bow Creek Corridor.
- The meet and greet scheduled with Ed Roberson, new director of UT BLM, will be rescheduled.
- Will travel to Dresden, Germany for workshop on drought 11/16-17 with NOAA and the German weather service.
- On 11/29 will attend an event with Centro Civico Mexicano in Salt Lake City to celebrate their Brownfields grant. Send to Joan your suggestions for additional meetings on 11/29-30 in SLC.
- On 12/13-14 Shaun and Deb will attend the Western Governors Association meeting in San Diego.
- Callie will attend the Great Plains Tribal Alliance meeting in Rapid City, SD on 11/29-30.
- Darcy will participate in a multi-federal agency consultation with interested tribes on better coordination/involvement of tribes on federal infrastructure projects in Rapid City SD on 11/17.

Deb

- Will be at the Montana Operations Office on 11/8-9. Will speak at an All Hands meeting on the MT reorganization and the Presidential transition. Jim Berkley will also travel to MOO. Both Deb and Jim will have open office hours. Deb will meet with Tom Livers while in Helena.
- Sent an all-employee memo on the Employee Association. Seeking a representative from each ARAsip/Office to work on our many R8 activities.

Joan

- Energy, Science and Agriculture Advisors are on extended travel or leave and Joan is covering.

4. Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep – Updates on the following:

- Pending Pavillion Final Report
- OIG report on GKM
- Butte negotiations
- MT Standard suit arguments
- PFCs at Peterson AFB
- U&O FIP
- Wind River TAS
- ND UIC Class II and Class VI
- Anaconda amicus brief due 17th
- WY ozone transport SIP
- Dakota Access Pipeline
- Lease decision
- MT nutrients
- Dewey Burdock
- Hunter Reservoir
- MS4 in Colorado Springs
- Slawson
- Bonita Peak Mining District
- Pueblo
- O&G rules from OAR
- VB-I70
- ISRI recycling bill for UT

5. Report from Deputies – Discussed external hires, internal hires, and changing meeting dates

6. Round Robin

- Sandy – VB-I70 stakeholders want to meet with the RA; Deb will contact the Mayor's office to discuss. Public meeting will be held to share the design for the Superfund site at Carpenter Snow Creek and Lockwood MT. Department of Energy will hold a national workgroup meeting on abandoned uranium mines. OFA may sponsor a Monument Butte award.
- Brian – This is his last SLT meeting; Kim Opekar will be transitioning in.
- Darcy – OWP leadership team will be at a retreat on 11/9 from 12:00-3:00.
- Pat – IG will do a national evaluation of the Water Sense program this week.
- Andrew – The EPA crisis communication plan is out for comment.
- Paula – Weiber FOIA response in regard to discontinuing the TAG Grant at Hill AF Base is due next work. OCPI will work with a facilitator on their work flow processes.
- Bert – Will share the link to a webcast on 11/9 by Roger Porter on Presidential transitions.

- Elyana – Katherin Hall will be the next Regional Judicial Officer, with Elyana as backup. ORC will hold a retreat all day on 11/15.
- Suzanne – EPA will hold a public meeting in Salt Lake related to US Mag Corp. on 11/15. DOJ, OECA and ECEJ will conduct a docket review at R8 on 11/17. Matt will check on whether a room will be available for the Administrator's Town Hall 11/9 on the Volkswagen settlement; watching from individual desks has worked better in the past.
- Rick – Ann Dunkin will be at R8 from 8:00-12:30 on 11/15; she will participate in an All Hands for IT. See the invitation for the RLT meeting on 11/14; homework is required. An MS Office upgrade is coming; see the 11/7 email explaining what you need to know. It can take up to 1-1/2 hours to load but you can work via the web while it runs. Delegated officials should take the QA survey.

7. RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS

- Send to Joan your suggestions for additional meetings for Shaun on 11/29-30 in Salt Lake City.